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## 20SL-CC05597 - DANNIELLE LITTLETON V KATALYST SURGICAL, LLC (E-CASE)

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On Behalf Of: DANNIELLE LITTLETON

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On Behalf Of: DANNIELLE LITTLETON

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**EXHIBIT A**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY  
21<sup>st</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STATE OF MISSOURI

**DANNIELLE LITTLETON,** )  
Plaintiff, ) Cause No.  
v. ) Division No.  
**KATALYST SURGICAL, LLC,** )  
Defendant )  
Serve: Registered Agent )  
AFFINTY REGISTERED )  
AGENT AND TRUST )  
SERVICES, Inc., )  
755 S. New Ballas Road )  
Suite 140 )  
St. Louis, MO 63141 )  
Defendant. )

**PETITION**

COMES NOW Plaintiff, Dannielle Littleton, by and through counsel, and for her claim against Defendant, Katalyst Surgical, LLC, states as follows:

**FACTS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS**

1. Plaintiff is a resident of Jefferson County, Missouri.
2. Defendant is a domestic corporation doing business in Missouri and the claim arose in St. Louis County, Missouri.
3. Venue is proper pursuant to R.S.Mo. § 508.010.4.
4. Defendant is an employer within the meaning of the Missouri Human Rights Act, R.S.Mo. § 213.010(7) in that Defendant employs six (6) or more persons in the State of Missouri.

5. This case arises under the Missouri Human Rights Act, R.S.Mo. § 213.010 et seq., (MHRA), and Plaintiff has dutifully filed her Charge of disability discrimination with the Missouri Commission on Human Rights (MCHR) Charge Number FE-1/20-31511 and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Charge Number 560-2020-00841 and received “right to sue letter” from the EEOC thereby exhausting her administrative remedies.
6. Plaintiff began employment with Defendant on or about February 5, 2019.
7. During the interview process, Plaintiff disclosed to Defendant’s CFO that she had a disability related to fish/seafood which, if exposed, could cause her to go into anaphylactic shock.
8. Defendant CFO assured Plaintiff that she had nothing to worry about because Plaintiff would not be working with fish/seafood or fish/seafood products.
9. On or about April 8, 2019, Defendant Manager Scott Kondrick was advised by Plaintiff that she observed a fellow employee use the breakroom microwave to heat up some clam chowder.
10. On or about April 8, 2019, Defendant Manager Scott Kondrick advised Plaintiff that he would alert the staff not to bring fish/seafood to work
11. On or about June 20, 2019, Plaintiff placed her right hand onto Defendant’s wood bench in the Disposables Gowning Area and experienced a reaction so severe she had to use an epi pen and Defendant’s Catalyst Incident/Near Miss Report was produced detailing Plaintiff’s fish/seafood disability.
12. On September 26, 2019, another Defendant employee brought fish to the breakroom triggering an allergic reaction with Plaintiff which required Plaintiff to go to Urgent Care.

13. On September 27, 2019, Plaintiff was terminated from employment under the pretext of raising her voice to Defendant's employee who brought the fish to the breakroom.
14. That Plaintiff has suffered economic damages and "garden variety" mental anguish as a result of the discriminatory conduct of the Defendant.

**COUNT I (Disability Discrimination under the MHRA)**

15. Plaintiff restates and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 14 as if fully stated herein.
16. Defendant knew or should have known that Plaintiff had a disability but was able to perform her job duties with reasonable accommodation.
17. That Defendant intentionally engaged in an unlawful employment practice in violation of the MHRA by failing to reasonably accommodate Plaintiff.
18. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's disability discrimination, Plaintiff has suffered lost wages and benefits, and "garden variety" mental anguish, all to Plaintiff's damages in excess of \$25,000.00.
19. That Defendant's conduct as described herein was intentional, willful, wanton, malicious and/or outrageous because of their evil motive and/or reckless indifference to the rights of Plaintiff under the MHRA, entitling Plaintiff to punitive damages.
20. As a result of Defendant's unlawful employment practices, Plaintiff has incurred and will continue to incur reasonable attorney's fees and costs in connection with this matter.

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff respectfully prays that this Court, after a trial, find that Defendant engaged in an unlawful employment practice under the laws of the State of Missouri and grant Plaintiff judgment against Defendant in an amount sufficient to compensate Plaintiff for lost wages, back pay, front pay, lost benefits and "garden variety" mental anguish; award Plaintiff

punitive damages in an amount sufficient to punish Defendant and deter such conduct in the future; order Defendant to pay all costs of this suit including reasonable attorney fees; and grant any further relief this Court deems just and proper.

**COUNT II (Disability Discrimination under the Americans with Disability Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12101, et. Seq. (ADA))**

21. Plaintiff restates and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 20 as if fully stated herein.
22. Defendant is an employer within the meaning of the ADA.
23. Plaintiff has a physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities within the meaning of the ADA.
24. That Defendant knew of Plaintiff's physical impairment but intentionally engaged in an unlawful employment practice in violation of the ADA by failing to reasonably accommodate Plaintiff.
25. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's disability discrimination, Plaintiff has suffered lost wages and benefits, and "garden variety" mental anguish, all to Plaintiff's damages in excess of \$25,000.00.
26. That Defendant's conduct as described herein was intentional, willful, wanton, malicious and/or outrageous because of their evil motive and/or reckless indifference to the rights of Plaintiff under the ADA, entitling Plaintiff to punitive damages.
27. As a result of Defendant's unlawful employment practices, Plaintiff has incurred and will continue to incur reasonable attorney's fees and costs in connection with this matter.

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff respectfully prays that this Court, after a trial, find that Defendant engaged in an unlawful employment practice under the ADA and grant Plaintiff

judgment against Defendant in an amount sufficient to compensate Plaintiff for lost wages, back pay, front pay, lost benefits and "garden variety" mental anguish; award Plaintiff punitive damages in an amount sufficient to punish Defendant and deter such conduct in the future; order Defendant to pay all costs of this suit including reasonable attorney fees; and grant any further relief this Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

By /s/ Vincent A. Banks III  
Vincent A. Banks III, #51404  
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314-409-7920  
314-361-5515 (fax)  
vbesquire@sbcglobal.net  
Attorney for Plaintiff

In the

**CIRCUIT COURT**  
Of St. Louis County, Missouri

For File Stamp Only

11/9/20

Date

Case Number

Division

DANNIELLE LITTLETON

Plaintiff/Petitioner

vs.

KATALYST SURGICAL, LLC

Defendant/Respondent

**REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF PROCESS SERVER**Comes now PLAINTIFF, by and through counsel Vincent Banks, pursuant  
Requesting Party

to Local Rule 28, and at his/her/its own risk requests the appointment of the Circuit Clerk of

WILLIAM STAGE P. O. BOX 4932 ST. LOUIS, MO 63108 314-420-2226

Name of Process Server

Address

Telephone

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Address or in the Alternative

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Natural person(s) of lawful age to serve the summons and petition in this cause on the below  
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to carry a concealed weapon in the performance thereof.

## SERVE:

AFFINITY REGISTERED AGENT: TRUSS SVCS, INC.

Name

755 S. NEW BALIANS ROAD, STE. 140

Address

ST. LOUIS, MO 63141

City/State/Zip

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Appointed as requested:

JOAN M. GILMER, Circuit Clerk

By

Deputy Clerk

Date

VINCENT A. BANKS III

Signature of Attorney/Plaintiff/Petitioner

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Local Rule 28. SPECIAL PROCESS SERVERS

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By /s/Laura Scotece

Deputy Clerk
11/16/2020

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## IN THE 21ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

Judge or Division: <b>MARY ELIZABETH OTT</b>	Case Number: <b>20SL-CC05597</b>
Plaintiff/Petitioner: <b>DANNIELLE LITTLETON</b>  vs.	Plaintiff's/Petitioner's Attorney/Address <b>VINCENT A. BANKS III</b> <b>4579 LACLEDE AVENUE</b> <b>SUITE 379</b> <b>ST LOUIS, MO 63108</b>
Defendant/Respondent: <b>KATALYST SURGICAL, LLC</b>	Court Address: <b>ST LOUIS COUNTY COURT BUILDING</b> <b>105 SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE</b> <b>CLAYTON, MO 63105</b>
Nature of Suit: <b>CC Employmnt Discrmntn 213.111</b>	(Date File Stamp)

**Summons in Civil Case****The State of Missouri to:** **KATALYST SURGICAL, LLC****Alias:**

**AFFINITY REG. AGENTS AND TRUST**  
**755 S. NEW BALLAS RD. STE. 140**  
**ST LOUIS, MO 63141**

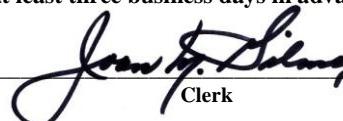
**COURT SEAL OF****ST. LOUIS COUNTY**

You are summoned to appear before this court and to file your pleading to the petition, a copy of which is attached, and to serve a copy of your pleading upon the attorney for Plaintiff/Petitioner at the above address all within 30 days after receiving this summons, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to file your pleading, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** If you have special needs addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act, please notify the Office of the Circuit Clerk at 314-615-8029, FAX 314-615-8739, email at SLCADA@courts.mo.gov, or through Relay Missouri by dialing 711 or 800-735-2966, at least three business days in advance of the court proceeding.

**16-NOV-2020**

Date



Clerk

**Further Information:**  
**LES**

**Sheriff's or Server's Return**

**Note to serving officer:** Summons should be returned to the court within thirty days after the date of issue.

I certify that I have served the above summons by: (check one)

- delivering a copy of the summons and a copy of the petition to the Defendant/Respondent.  
 leaving a copy of the summons and a copy of the petition at the dwelling place or usual abode of the Defendant/Respondent with \_\_\_\_\_ a person of the Defendant's/Respondent's family over the age of 15 years who permanently resides with the Defendant/Respondent.

- (for service on a corporation) delivering a copy of the summons and a copy of the petition to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (name) \_\_\_\_\_ (title).

- other \_\_\_\_\_

Served at \_\_\_\_\_ (address)

in \_\_\_\_\_ (County/City of St. Louis), MO, on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) at \_\_\_\_\_ (time).

Printed Name of Sheriff or Server

Signature of Sheriff or Server

**Must be sworn before a notary public if not served by an authorized officer:**

(Seal)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

Notary Public

**Sheriff's Fees, if applicable**

Summons \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Non Est \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Sheriff's Deputy Salary  
Supplemental Surcharge \$ \_\_\_\_ 10.00  
Mileage \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ miles @ \$. \_\_\_\_\_ per mile)  
**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

A copy of the summons and a copy of the petition must be served on **each** Defendant/Respondent. For methods of service on all classes of suits, see Supreme Court Rule 54.

Twenty First Judicial Circuit

**NOTICE OF ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION SERVICES**

**Purpose of Notice**

As a party to a lawsuit in this court, you have the right to have a judge or jury decide your case. However, most lawsuits are settled by the parties before a trial takes place. This is often true even when the parties initially believe that settlement is not possible. A settlement reduces the expense and inconvenience of litigation. It also eliminates any uncertainty about the results of a trial.

Alternative dispute resolution services and procedures are available that may help the parties settle their lawsuit faster and at less cost. Often such services are most effective in reducing costs if used early in the course of a lawsuit. Your attorney can aid you in deciding whether and when such services would be helpful in your case.

**Your Rights and Obligations in Court Are Not Affected By This Notice**

You may decide to use an alternative dispute resolution procedure if the other parties to your case agree to do so. In some circumstances, a judge of this court may refer your case to an alternative dispute resolution procedure described below. These procedures are not a substitute for the services of a lawyer and consultation with a lawyer is recommended. Because you are a party to a lawsuit, you have obligations and deadlines which must be followed whether you use an alternative dispute resolution procedure or not. **IF YOU HAVE BEEN SERVED WITH A PETITION, YOU MUST FILE A RESPONSE ON TIME TO AVOID THE RISK OF DEFAULT JUDGMENT, WHETHER OR NOT YOU CHOOSE TO PURSUE AN ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE.**

**Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedures**

There are several procedures designed to help parties settle lawsuits. Most of these procedures involve the services of a neutral third party, often referred to as the "neutral," who is trained in dispute resolution and is not partial to any party. The services are provided by individuals and organizations who may charge a fee for this help. Some of the recognized alternative dispute resolutions procedures are:

**(1) Advisory Arbitration:** A procedure in which a neutral person or persons (typically one person or a panel of three persons) hears both sides and decides the case. The arbitrator's decision is not binding and simply serves to guide the parties in trying to settle their lawsuit. An arbitration is typically less formal than a trial, is usually shorter, and may be conducted in a private setting at a time mutually agreeable to the parties. The parties, by agreement, may select the arbitrator(s) and determine the rules under which the arbitration will be conducted.

**(2) Mediation:** A process in which a neutral third party facilitates communication between the parties to promote settlement. An effective mediator may offer solutions that have not been considered by the parties or their lawyers. A mediator may not impose his or her own judgment on the issues for that of the parties.

**(3) Early Neutral Evaluation (“ENE”):** A process designed to bring the parties to the litigation and their counsel together in the early pretrial period to present case summaries before and receive a non-binding assessment from an experienced neutral evaluator. The objective is to promote early and meaningful communication concerning disputes, enabling parties to plan their cases effectively and assess realistically the relative strengths and weaknesses of their positions. While this confidential environment provides an opportunity to negotiate a resolution, immediate settlement is not the primary purpose of this process.

**(4) Mini-Trial:** A process in which each party and their counsel present their case before a selected representative for each party and a neutral third party, to define the issues and develop a basis for realistic settlement negotiations. The neutral third party may issue an advisory opinion regarding the merits of the case. The advisory opinion is not binding.

**(5) Summary Jury Trial:** A summary jury trial is a non binding, informal settlement process in which jurors hear abbreviated case presentations. A judge or neutral presides over the hearing, but there are no witnesses and the rules of evidence are relaxed. After the “trial”, the jurors retire to deliberate and then deliver an advisory verdict. The verdict then becomes the starting point for settlement negotiations among the parties.

### **Selecting an Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedure and a Neutral**

If the parties agree to use an alternative dispute resolution procedure, they must decide what type of procedure to use and the identity of the neutral. As a public service, the St. Louis County Circuit Clerk maintains a list of persons who are available to serve as neutrals. The list contains the names of individuals who have met qualifications established by the Missouri Supreme Court and have asked to be on the list. The Circuit Clerk also has Neutral Qualifications Forms on file. These forms have been submitted by the neutrals on the list and provide information on their background and expertise. They also indicate the types of alternative dispute resolution services each neutral provides.

A copy of the list may be obtained by request in person and in writing to: Circuit Clerk, Office of Dispute Resolution Services, 105 South Central Ave., 5th Floor, Clayton, Missouri 63105. The Neutral Qualifications Forms will also be made available for inspection upon request to the Circuit Clerk.

The List and Neutral Qualification Forms are provided only as a convenience to the parties in selecting a neutral. The court cannot advise you on legal matters and can only provide you with the List and Forms. You should ask your lawyer for further information.

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## PROCESS SERVER'S AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

Comes now William L. Stage Jr., Special Process Server, and being duly sworn upon his oath states that I am over the age of 18 and that I am not a party to the action for which I have affected service in the following manner:

**In Re: cause no. / case no. 20SL-CC05597 Missouri Circuit Court – St. Louis County**  
**Danielle Littleton v Katalyst Surgical LLC**

**On Wednesday the 18th day of November, 2020 at 9:55 am**

I did serve the following: Summons with Petition

Directed to **Katalyst Surgical LLC c/o Registered Agent**

**At the location of:** 1610 Des Peres Road Suite 100  
Des Peres, Missouri 63131

by the following means: Personal Service / Hand Delivery to Janet Arrow, Accounts Manager for Affinity Law Group – registered agent “Affinity Reg. Agents and Trust” for Katalyst Surgical LLC

All done in St. Louis County, Missouri

Will Pracejus

William L. Stage Jr.

Special Process Server No. 197 - Missouri Circuit Court, 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit  
P.O. Box 4932            St. Louis, MO 63108            314.420.2226

Subscribed and sworn to [or affirmed] before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

  
Mary Edna Stage  
Notary Public

### My commission expires

